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A Method and Apparatus for Centralized Storing and Retrieving User Password Using LDAP

Enclosed are also:

14 Pages of Specification including an Abstract

5 Pages of Claims

<u>X</u> <u>X</u> <u>X</u> Sheet(s) of Drawings 4

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- 1. Transmittal Letter in duplicate;
- 2. Recordation in duplicate;
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- 4. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 5. Patent Application (14 pgs. spec. incl. abstract, 5 pgs. Claims);
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